

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health as to the

Sanitary Conditions of the Urban District of Bungay for the year 1920.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Urban District Council of Bungay.

Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you my report for the year 1920. The Town of Bungay stands upon an accumulation of river gravels, which juts out into the Marsh lands of the River Waveney in the shape of a peninsula. The Town occupies the neck and shoulders of the peninsula, with Outney Common spreading away to the North to where the Waveney circles up to the front of the Bath Hills, which here form its Northern Bank. The Valley which spreads out to the East and West is frequently flooded after heavy rains. The Town is ancient and the ground upon which it stands has been occupied for centuries by a fairly dense population. The Chaucer Press Printing Works gives employment to a large number of hands otherwise the trade and industries of the Town are mainly connected with and supported by Agriculture. The Population of Bungay for the year 1920 is estimated at 3175 persons.

The Births registered in 1920 were : Males 33, Females 41, total 74. Three more than last year and equalling the highest birth rate recorded viz. that of 1916.

Twelve of the birth recorded were of illegitimate children, four being males and eight females. It is much to be regretted that this figure is double the highest number of illegitimate



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Medical Officer of Health as to the

Sanitary Conditions of the Urban District of Bury in the

Year 1890.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Urban District Council of Bury.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to send you my report for the year

1890.

The Urban District of Bury stands upon an elevation of

about 100 feet above the level of the River

which flows past the town. The town occupies the

valley in the place of a meadow. The town occupies the

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The Deaths registered in 1920 were : Males 15 Females 31 total 46, including the deaths of 10 residents, who died out side the district. This is the lowest record of deaths since 1913. Of the 46 deaths, recorded 21 occurred in persons of 65 years of age and over.

Infant Mortality. Four deaths occurred in Infants under one year of age, one being a male and three females. One of the females was illegitimate. It is very satisfactory to note that none of the deaths was due to any of the Zymotic diseases whereas two were due to premature birth.

Notifiable Diseases. The following cases were notified during the year :-

Chicken Pox	10
Diphtheria	8
Scarlet Fever	3
Pneumonia	2
Ophthalmia	
Neonatorum	1
Total	<u>24</u>

This is a considerably smaller list than last year even excluding the cases of Measles then recorded, which disease is not now notifiable.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Four cases were notified during the year two of the persons dying. Three other death from the disease were also recorded among cases of longer duration.

Cancer. There were five deaths from this disease during the year. The Water Supply of the Town is dependent on four

public wells as well as numerous private ones. The nature of the Water in the Town is on the whole bad and should not be used for drinking purposes without previous boiling. A Scheme for a Public Water Supply is I understand to be considered. It is to be hoped that one will be adopted and put in hand as speedily as possible.







The Drains are kept in good working order and may be regarded as fairly satisfactory under the present system of dealing with the night soil. There are 45 to 50 houses in the town with their own water closets. The earth closets are provided with tubs by the Sanitary Authority which empties them weekly and cleanses them with disinfectant. A similar periodical removal of house refuse by the Sanitary Authority is much to be desired.

As soon as the Council can see their way to adopting one, a scheme for main drainage should be considered.

Housing Accomodation. As there is a great dearth of houses

and a great necessity for new houses for the Working class,

it is very satisfactory to note that the Council have started

to build some on the Beccles Road site and it is to be hoped

that several will be completed before long.

Cowsheds and Dairies have been periodically inspected. There

are 15 registered Cowkeepers in the town and on an average about

206 cows are kept. The great majority were found to be clean

and well kept, but many of the sheds are old and dilapidated

and the dairies small and inconvenient. The appended report

of the Sanitary Inspector gives further information.

I am,

Gentleman,

Yours faithfully,

J.H.BUSTEED L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.S.A. (Lond)

Medical Officer of Health.

Under the new contract for the removal of the night soil the work is being carried out most satisfactorily, the number of receptacles removed washed and disinfected being 46,579.

The only houses being erected are those under the Housing Scheme on the Beccles Road site. Some of these are near completion and should soon be ready for occupation.







BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended  
31st December 1920.

Gentlemen,

I have to report that the following Sanitary  
work has been carried out during the year ended 31st December 1920.

Complaints received by me of nuisances existing  
have had my attention and in most cases the same have been abated  
without any necessity for the issue of formal notices. In 7  
cases notices to abate nuisances have been served, including  
2 cases of overcrowding, all of which notices were complied with.

Periodical inspections of the Slaughter houses,  
schools, bake-offices and workshops within the district have been  
made, also of the Cowsheds and Dairies. They were found to be  
generally kept in a satisfactory condition. There are  
approximately 206 cows in milk kept.

The number of houses disinfected after cases of  
infectious diseases under the direction of the Medical Officer  
of Health, was 11 viz :- 8 cases of diptheria and 3 cases of  
scarlet fever.

In 3 cases of insufficient privy accomodation 3 new  
privies have been erected.

All the open sewers were cleansed during the year and  
in 5 cases the closed sewers were opened to remove blockages.

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The boring for a town water supply has been carried out on the Flixton Road site to a depth of 220 feet where an ample supply was found, but which upon analysis proved to be excessively hard and unfit for domestic purposes in its natural state.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. EARL.

Inspector.











BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
and SANITARY INSPECTOR for  
the year 1920.